REMARKS

In the Final Office Action,[1] the Examiner rejected claims 1-18 under

35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as anticipated by *Coiera* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No.

2005/0086204). By this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9-11

and 13-17 and have added new claims 19-25. Claims 1-25 are now pending and under

current consideration.

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In the Final Office Action, the Examiner misquoted Applicant as noting that "the

U.S. applications listed on the 1449 Form <u>are related</u> by priority to the present

application." *emphasis added*, Office action, page 2. However, in reply to the October

3, 2006 Office action, Applicants noted that "**none** of the U.S. applications listed on the

[February 9, 2004] 1449 Form are related by priority to the present application.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that it is not necessary to amend the specification to list

the cited U.S. patent applications." *emphasis added*, Reply to Office Action dated

February 2, 2007.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-18 under

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Coiera*. In order to properly establish that

Coiera anticipates Applicants' claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. § 102, each and every

element of each of the claims in issue must be found, either expressly described or

under principles of inherency, in that single reference. Furthermore, "[t]he identical

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1 The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicant declines to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim." *See*

M.P.E.P. § 2131, quoting *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1126, 1236,

9 U.S.P.Q.2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

Claims 1-18

Coiera does not disclose each and every element of Applicants' claimed

invention. Amended claim 1 recites a combination of features including, for example:

> "an enterprise management system that comprises cross-
> functional applications to manage the at least one resource,
> the cross-functional applications comprising: a user interface
> for linking business objects of an object modeling tool with
> business workflow of a process modeling tool."

Coiera does not include "an enterprise management system that comprises

cross-functional applications to manage the at least one resource," as recited in claim 1.

Coiera's system is designed to "facilitate clinical searches," and uses "search templates"

for "controlling a search" to result in a "display of search results." Paragraphs

0036-0037 and 63. The search can include "profiles," "parameters," "key words," and

"attributes." Paragraphs 0037 and 0045. *Coiera* also provides "'focussing' of the

search" and "a 'library' of search templates." Paragraphs 0054 and 0007. The "search

templates . . . can be shared between users." Paragraph 0085. However, *Coiera*'s

system does not constitute "an enterprise management system that comprises cross-

functional applications to manage the at least one resource," as recited in claim 1.

Additionally, *Coiera* does not teach the claimed "business objects" or "business

workflow." Therefore, *Coiera* does not have "cross-functional applications comprising: a

user interface" that could constitute the claimed "cross-functional applications

comprising: a user interface for linking business objects of an object modeling tool with business workflow of a process modeling tool."

For at least these reasons, *Coiera* does not teach or suggest each and every element recited by amended claim 1. Therefore, *Coiera* cannot anticipate this claim and claim 1 is allowable over the art of record. Claims 2-9 are also allowable at least due to their dependence from claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Independent claim 10, though of different scope from claim 1, recites elements similar to those set forth above for claim 1. Claim 10 is therefore allowable for at least the reasons presented above. Claims 11-18 are also allowable at least due to their respective dependence from claim 10. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

New Claims 19-25

Coiera does not disclose each and every element of Applicants' new claim 19. Claim 19 recites a combination of features including, for example, "describing a process for completion in terms of phases, flow blocks and steps of a process flow" and "associating a set of constraints" that are "relative to a context of the process."

Coiera does not include "describing a process for completion in terms of phases, flow blocks and steps of a process flow," as recited in claim 19. As discussed above, *Coiera* discloses a system designed to "facilitate clinical searches." Paragraph 0036. *Coiera* states that the "actual search engine . . . which implements the search queries . . . is not part of the present invention." Paragraph 0087. *Coiera* also does not

disclose any process to constitute a "process for completion in terms of phases, flow blocks and steps of a process flow," as recited in claim 19. Accordingly, *Coiera* also fails to disclose "associating a set of constraints" that are "relative to a context of the process." Therefore, *Coiera* does not teach "describing a process for completion in terms of phases, flow blocks and steps of a process flow" and "associating a set of constraints" that are "relative to a context of the process," as recited in claim 19.

Because *Coiera* does not teach or suggest each and every element recited by new claim 19, *Coiera* cannot anticipate this claim. Claim 19 is allowable over the art of record. Claims 20-25 are also allowable at least due to their dependence from claim 19. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow new claims 19-25.
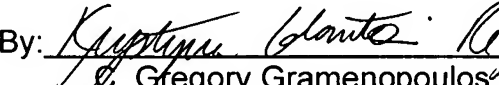
In view of the foregoing, Applicants request reconsideration of the application and withdrawal of the rejections. Because Applicants' amendments and arguments have removed all of the pending rejections, claims 1-25 are in condition for allowance. Applicants request a favorable action.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

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